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Terry Goddard to Co-Host Town Hall on Polygamy Issues

(Phoenix, Ariz. – May 5, 2008) Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard and Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff will host a Town Hall Meeting in St. George, Utah, on Thursday, beginning at 7 p.m. The meeting will follow a half-day Media Training Session that begins at 1 p.m. Both events will take place at the Dixie Center in St. George.

Arizona State Representative David Lujan, Centennial Park resident Don Timpson and Utah Safety Net Coordinator Paul Murphy will join Goddard and Shurtleff in a panel discussion at the Town Hall. This event is open to the public.

"Previous Town Halls have all been productive, and this year's will be an important opportunity to strengthen relations between law enforcement and the Colorado City/Hildale community," Goddard said.

"We started this discussion five years ago, and this meeting will be a good chance to reflect on where we have gone and where we need to go," Shurtleff added.

The half-day training session is for members of polygamous communities, journalists, law enforcement officers and social service providers working with plural families. The training session has two goals:

- Help journalists report the truth and minimize harm.
- Help polygamists and people working with polygamists provide information that is accurate, fair and minimizes harm, especially to children.

Both events are being sponsored by the Utah-Arizona Safety Net Committee. This group brings together government agencies, non-profit organizations and interested individuals to "open up communication, break down barriers and coordinate efforts to give people associated with the practice of polygamy equal access to justice, safety and services."

Event Information:

What:	Media Training Session
When:	Thursday, May 8 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Who:	Utah/Arizona Safety Net Committee
What:	Town Hall Meeting

- Who:** Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard
Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff
- When:** Thursday, May 8
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Note:** Both events will be at the Dixie Center, 1835 Convention Center Drive, St. George, Utah.

For more information, please visit the Arizona Attorney General's Web site at www.azag.gov.

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